

ELECTION MANIFESTO

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TIME FOR A WARMER POLICY!

Sweden is a fantastic country. Many people here have managed to realise their dreams. We have taken on the challenges of the future early. But over the last few years, Sweden has become colder. Divisions and racism have been allowed to grow. The differences between the financial conditions of men and women are increasing. Politics has avoided taking responsibility for people and the environment. We know that a country that gives up on being fantastic for all will soon not be fantastic for anyone. **Therefore it is time for a more human and warmer policy – it is time for a new government.**

Climate change is the greatest challenge of our times. When world leaders meet for a top level meeting on climate in Paris in December 2015, Sweden shall be able to show that it is possible to make decisions that reduce our emissions to sustainable levels. Sweden shall be a modern exemplary country and an inspiration. The world cannot afford a climate policy where countries simply wait each other out, instead of daring to be first. **Politics must become warmer. Not the climate.**

Sweden needs new jobs, but the “work line” of the Alliance has not reduced unemployment. Instead, life has become extra tough and cold for those who lose their jobs or become ill. We want to invest in climate work – in trains that run on time, in regenerating the suburbs and in new energyefficient housing. By 2018, more people shall have a job to do, and young people shall have the opportunity to find a way to studies and to work.

This is a more human and warmer policy. All pupils should be happy going to school. Many shall be fervent teachers, and all who work in schools shall have room for their profession and creative urges. There shall be no good or bad schools – all schools should be equally good. By 2018, many more shall choose to train as teachers, teachers shall have time for their work and pupils shall get support in time. Against cold politics with more bureaucracy and profit chasing,

we set warm politics with more staff and more time for each pupil. **Let the pupils get their teachers back.**

We are convinced that it is possible to have a Sweden where it is our joint future that unites us rather than where we come from, what we look like, what we believe in, what sex we are, how old we are or what our family looks like. **After eight years with the Alliance, it is really time for a new government and a warmer policy.**

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT, WE WANT TO:

- 1. lower Sweden’s climate emissions** to sustainable levels and take responsibility for what we leave for our children and grandchildren
- 2. make large investments for a sustainable Sweden**, which will create the preconditions for tens of thousands of new jobs, and equip ourselves for the challenges of the future
- 3. decrease teachers’ bureaucratic burden** and re-employ personnel in schools in order for each pupil to get more time with the teachers and all the support needed.

On September 14, you can take part in modernizing Sweden.

1. Climate and environment

Sweden has all the prerequisites to become a world leader with healthier environment and rapidly decreasing emissions. But that requires a new determined government which invests in a modern-ization of Sweden. We want to build an energy system completely reliant on energy from renewable sources like water, forestry, wind and solar. We also want to double the size of public transportation and connect the major cities of

Sweden with fast trains. Taking the train should be cheaper than flying and be faster than driving a car. Anyone who destroys the environment should also pay for the costs. It should pay off to be environmentally friendly, both in the grocery store and in the board room. We Greens see it as a main task to transform society and secure functioning ecosystems, fresh water, clean air and arable land. We defend nature when threatened by short-sighted interests. With today's policy, Sweden will miss 14 of the 16 environmental targets all parties claim to uphold. Instead, we want to build a society where we humans don't tear up the Earth's resources, where success is not measured in material gains and where welfare is more than consumption.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

- 1. introduce a Climate Change Act.** This act will make sure that Sweden lowers the emissions at the pace necessary for global sustainable development.
- 2. start the work to get 100 percent** of all electricity and heating in Sweden from renewable energy sources by, at the latest, 2030. During the next term of office, the use of fossil fuels should decrease substantially, several old nuclear reactors should be closed, energy consumption become more efficient and renewable energy sources be expanded. It should become more profitable to put up solar panels on the roof or a wind turbine on the farm.
- 3. make it easier to travel** environmentally friendly. The climate goals should control the national plans for investments in infrastructure within the transportation sector. The proportion of public transportation usage in the transportation sector should be doubled. We will improve upon and expand the national railroad network as well as the regional trams and start building tracks for high speed trains. We want the state to take back control over railroad maintenance. Travellers must be able to trust that trains arrive on time. Urban environments, where cycling is a priority, and new bike lanes between urban areas, will make the bicycle a more attractive means of transport.
- 4. break Sweden's dependency on oil.** For people to be able to live where cars are needed, even after the oil age, we must invest in renewable fuels and use electricity as a fuel. These fuels should be cheaper than gas and our goal is for all cars and trucks to be free of fossil fuels by 2030. Investments in the production of biofuels, bio gas stations and infrastructure for electrically powered vehicles should be supported. A fee on the most environmentally unfriendly cars should finance a price reduction on cars with the lowest emissions. Sweden's emission rights should not be sold.
- 5. move long distance freight** transports from trucks and planes to trains and ships. This would mean less emissions, fewer accidents, decreased congestion and less wear of our roads. The Alliance has increased the railroad access charges. We want to put a stop for this increase and instead introduce a tax on trucks that also covers foreign contractors. The aviation industry should pay for its own climate costs through an aviation tax.
- 6. make sure that good organic food** is bought for schools and retirement homes, and make it easier for local suppliers to take part in public purchasing. At a minimum, the same demands made on environmental and animal protection of food production in Sweden should be made on all public procurements. We want to decrease food waste and would gladly see more vegetarian food in public kitchens, in order for the meat being served to come from local production with better animal protection. We strive for at least 50 percent organic food in public kitchens by 2020.
- 7. ban dangerous chemicals.** In the EU, Sweden should fight to ban dangerous substances. When the EU regulations are not sufficient, Sweden should lead the way with national legislation. Better controls are needed to make sure the tap water is free from toxins. Places where children spend their time on a regular basis, for example pre-schools and schools, should be free from toxins.
- 8. increase the protection of biological diversity.** The natural forests still left in Sweden should be protected from logging and the respect for conservation should increase within forestry through the increased use of non-clearing methods. Even urban woods require increased protection. They often have high biological values. For an ever more urbanized population, nature in close proximity to urban areas are important for recreation, health and a general understanding of nature. The fish and seas should be protected through more marine reserves, areas free of bottom trawling and powerful measures against eutrophication. The fish'

reproductive migration routes must be protected and restored in our rivers and streams. The catch levels of fish must be longterm sustainable.

9. **strengthen animal protection.** Strong demands for animal safety should be applied in public purchasing. Animals' opportunities to exert their natural behaviour should always be respected. We want to ban the import of products from tormented animals. We say no to mink farms and battery hens and yes to replacing painful animal testing.
10. **decrease waste and increase recycling** for more sustainable consumption. We want to increase the length of product warranties, make it easier to repair things, promote the second hand and vintage market, and support the sharing economy. We want food waste to be collected and turned into biogas for transportation. Recycling valuable resources, such as metals, must become more profitable than extracting new ones.

2. New jobs

When we face the climate challenge, we create opportunities for new jobs at the same time. Investments in renewable energy, environmentally friendly neighbourhoods and faster trains are examples of investments that provide new job opportunities. Modernizing Sweden requires the power, work and commitment of everyone. Gender segregation in the labour market must come to an end. Unemployment is not just a problem for the individual; it's a problem for the whole of society. It's society's responsibility to open up new ways to work. Sweden cannot afford to have people unemployed when there are so many important tasks to be carried out!

The one-sided focus on tax cuts during the past terms of office has not decreased unemployment. Instead, we want to make investments that build a better society, both when it comes to climate and to education. A new railway line provides jobs when being planned and constructed, while enhancing the labour market since people will be able to commute. Good education for all children demands that we employ more people in schools, while creating opportunities for jobs for more young people who will be able succeed in school all the way to graduation.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

1. **make climate investments for new jobs.** Investments in renewable energy, new environmentally friendly neighbourhoods, faster trains and equipping our society for climate change create the preconditions for 30 000 more jobs than the Alliance' employment policy. Our policies mean new jobs for, among others, engineers, construction workers and community planners.
2. **create new ways for young people into the labour market.** We want to establish start centrals where municipalities and authorities gather to give individual support for young people trying to find their first job or start their first business. We want to expand vocational training, higher vocational education and apprenticeships. In total, our proposals provide 50 000 more young people with a way into the job market, education or intern-ships already by 2015.
3. **reduce the hassle and costs for businesses.** Business owners must be allowed to spend their time running businesses and therefore the burden of regulations must decrease. The costs for hiring should be decreased through lowered employers' charges with up to 80 000 SEK per business. The responsibility for sick leave should be abolished for small businesses.
4. **employ more people in schools,** health care and welfare. Good schools and preschools, safe care for the elderly and highquality medical care are necessary conditions for safe citizens and growing businesses. Instead of new tax cuts, we make public investments in more personnel in schools and more staff in health care and care for the elderly. This creates new jobs for among others teachers, nurses and midwives.
5. **open doors for people to be able to study** for the new jobs that emerge. Everyone should have the right to in-service training and it should be possible to change careers in life. We want to expand adult education and make it possible for popular movements to start new folk high schools.
6. **introduce the possibility of a sabbatical year.** A person with a job should have the opportunity to be remunerated, corresponding to part of the unemployment benefit, for studies, time with the family or just some

breathing-space mid-life, provided that an unemployed person gets employed instead. This provides flexibility on the employee's terms and opens up ways into the labour market.

7. **expand and make the tax deduction for maintenance**, repair and renovation ("ROT-avdraget") more environmentally friendly so it can be used to renovate and make suburbs, schools and apartments in need of refitting more energy-efficient. This creates conditions for new jobs in the Million Programme areas.
8. **give the industry long-term rules** to participate in the climate work. Together with the industry, we want to develop systems for energy efficiency and the development of new technology. We want to carry out more innovation procurement and make it easier to hand out stock options for staff in growing businesses. Sweden should be the industrialized country that invests the most per capita in sustainable technology.
9. **make sure that everyone of secondary school age** can get a summer job. Municipalities should be charged and be supported to offer summer jobs through co-operation with businesses and associations, and within their own activities.
10. **abolish Phase 3**. Phase 3 has not functioned as a way into the labour market. When someone becomes employed, efforts need to be set in at an earlier stage than today. The Employment Agency and local start centrals should have greater opportunities to find flexible solutions for people with decreased capacity for work and more people should be employed in welfare.

3. School and education

All pupils should get the support and the time necessary to manage school. Preschools should, with good teaching methods, care and play, give kids a good start. More people should get the chance to attend higher education and the quality should be increased through more time with teachers and more opportunities for internships. Since the Alliance formed the government in 2006, thousands of teachers have been made redundant in Swedish schools. At the same time, the administrative work for teachers has increased. The number of people working in schools is decreasing, while having to spend more time with paper work. That will not do. Pupils do

not get enough time with their teachers, which means that a lot of them will not be able to learn what they need for life. Sweden's high youth unemployment is to a large extent dependent on a lot of people not getting a fair chance in school and leaving their young years without a high school education.

The mental ill-health issues amongst young people must be taken seriously, and schools are important for pre-emptive and direct measures. Support and help must be available for all pupils. We prioritize education over decreased taxes and make large investments in education. That is a good investment for the future.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

1. **decrease the bureaucratic burden** for teachers and employ more people in order for there to be more time for each pupil in school. Being a teacher is not a one person job. Making sure that all pupils are seen and noticed requires, among other things, better student health service, staffed school libraries, more recreational pedagogues and remedial teachers, as well as better access to study and vocational guidance.
2. **make sure support is provided in time**. Today, most of the special support is given in ninth grade. At such a late stage, it is hard for a pupil who has fallen behind to catch up. We want to introduce a read-write-calculate-warranty that makes sure that support is given as soon as a teacher discovers a need, from preschool onwards. Teachers should have the right to prescribe special support, without bureaucratic delays.
3. **value teachers as one of our most important** occupational groups. Teachers should have the right to higher salaries, good work environment and continuous competence development. Teachers should have time for spontaneous contact with pupils and to prepare classes.
4. **break school segregation**. There should not be good and bad schools – all schools should be equally good. We want the government to co-operate with school operators to increase the quality of schools with bad results. At schools that pupils do not actively choose, profiled classes should be developed. Resources for schools should be distributed according to need. Pupils should be offered education in their native language.

They should also be offered bilingual education in other subjects. All high school programmes should make the students eligible for higher education.

5. **regulate so that school operators** have to reinvest all eventual profits. We believe in pedagogical diversity and want those who run schools to do it out of passion for education. Operators with the purpose of making a profit for the owners should not be allowed to run schools and there should be demands on long-term ownership and transparency.
6. **invest in preschools and after-school recreation centres.** All children in preschool have the right to be seen, time for play and pedagogical challenges. Wellfunctioning after-school activities are important to create continuity and versatility in the children's education. Our goal is a maximum of five children per teacher in preschool. Preschools and after-school recreation centres should be available for the children regardless of whether their parents work and regardless of their working hours. All personnel should be given the opportunity to study to obtain the necessary qualifications.
7. **increase the quality of higher education** and increase the amount of teacher-controlled teaching. Study grants should be increased and fees for non-European students should be abolished. More places in educational programmes are needed, as well as investments to open up higher education for more people from non-academic families. Students should be covered by the social security system on the same terms as employees. Publicly owned colleges and universities should not be privatized or unbundled.
8. **invest in modern teaching methods.** Everyone should feel safe in school. Work with anti-racism, norm criticism and gender pedagogy should be strengthened in schools and preschools. Teachers should have opportunities for supplementary training and students the right to influence their own school and education. Good access to, and use of, modern technology in school should bridge the digital gap in Sweden. At least one aesthetic subject should be included in all high school programmes.

9. **renovate the country's schools and preschools.** The state and school operators should together invest in a good work environment in environmentally friendly buildings with modern teaching environments. Children should have access to green schoolyards. Students, including those in high school, should receive free and nutritional school meals.

10. **establish a school commission.** School reforms should be financed based on science and firmly established among teachers and pupils. The results of the OECD in-depth analysis of the Swedish school system should be left to a school commission gathering scientists, teachers, pupils and politicians. The commission should, from its own as well as the OECD analyses, review the large school reforms of the past decades and put forward new solutions for an equal school system where every student gets an honest chance.

4. Feminism and equality

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. That is how the UN declaration of human rights begins. But that's not where we are today. On the contrary, the economic gaps between men and women are increasing, partly because of unequal economic policies. A feminist policy for equality is not content until men and women have equal income, men's violence toward women has ceased, our schools actively work with equality and no-one is hindered by obsolete gender norms. Our equality policy is built upon an anti-racist feminism and the insight that different power structures act together. The wide-spread mental ill-health issues, especially among young women and LGBT-people, are a large social problem. Currently, transgender people are not covered by the same legal rights as the rest of society.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

1. **work for equal pay and break gender segregation** in the labour market. The action plan developed by the unions Akademikerförbundet SSR, Kommunal, Vision, LSR and Vårdförbundet should become reality. Wherever the Swedish Green Party takes part in forming political majorities, public employers should take the lead in equal rights and the right to full-time employment.

2. **invest in enhancing the work environment** for jobs dominated by women, for example within health care. Mental ill-health and sick leave among women should decrease.
3. **split the parental insurance into three equal parts**, where each parent gets one share and the third one can be distributed freely or transferred to someone else who is close to the child. This means two new “daddy months” during the next term of office.
4. **counteract men’s violence.** This requires more pre-emptive work, more men’s clinics and better preconditions for women’s shelters. All non-consensual sex should be illegal. Mandatory education for judges on sexual offences and men’s violence towards women should be carried out.
5. **introduce quotas for women to the boards** of companies listed on the stock market. In municipal companies, the Swedish Green Party will lead the way and first and foremost select women as its representatives.
6. **invest in school health and youth psychiatry** to counteract and prevent mental ill-health among young people, which especially affects young girls and LGBT-people. Boys’ school results should be strengthened through the education of teachers and a national centre for norm critical teaching methods. A law against the sexist advertising that consolidates gender norms and contributes to mental ill-health should be proposed.
7. **make it easier to investigate online bullying.** Adults who support young people on the internet, “net wanderers”, should be educated all over the country.
8. **improve sex education.** The education should feel relevant for everyone, regardless of gender, and be permeated with norm criticism. Discussions on what is okay sex, linked to consent, need to be held.
9. **strengthen the support and competence** to meet people in same-sex relationships or with disabilities who have been abused, as well as to people subjected to honour violence. Women’s shelters need to be financially compensated for the part of their work that constitutes social services, and municipalities need to make sure there are apartments available to move to when it is time to leave the protected accommodation.

10. **introduce a law on gender mainstreaming** in order to commission authorities and ministries to include a gender perspective on all their activities. Equality should permeate all areas of society.

5. Public health, quality of life and health care

We want to run a new modern public health policy where basic needs such as redistribution policies and the right to housing are obvious starting points. In an equal society, all human beings have access to good health, quality of life and high quality health care when needed. Today, care is too often characterized by fragmented efforts, only treating the symptoms, not the causes.

We want a policy based on a holistic view of human beings and on what promotes good health. Each effort we make to decrease ill-health saves money we can use to develop good care. E-health is an area that needs to be strengthened and developed.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

1. **promote health and decrease** the differences within health. We want to clarify the strategic work for a socially sustainable society by introducing a public health law. Health care management should benefit long-term health and therefore, compensation systems should be reviewed. We want to, among other things, ban trans fats in food, lower the amount of dangerous particles in the city air and safeguard a restrictive policy on alcohol and tobacco.
2. **invest in quality interaction with care workers.** We want to invest more in close care so that health centres become a natural first choice for patients. The doctors at these clinics should uphold long-term continuity when interacting with patients, instead of quick efforts by different temporary doctors. Primary care and psychiatry are areas that must be strengthened. We want to see a special focus on health care for women and maternity care in the county councils. Health care requires more specialist nurses to meet the needs of the future with the right competence. We want to increase admittance to the medical education and introduce employment with a training dimension for nurses who train to be specialist nurses.

3. increase staffing in elderly care. We want regulations to make sure that staffing never is below the needs of the people living in the retirement homes. With more staff working in care for the elderly, they get better opportunities to be active, take part in culture, come out, eat in peace and quiet, and get help with hygiene and dental care. Food should be good and organic, to increase quality of life and health.

4. introduce a warranty within the treatment and care of substance abuse. This care warranty should cover treatment from both county councils and municipalities. Homelessness is primarily a housing problem and a place of your own is a necessary condition to come to terms with other problems. We want laws for everyone's right to accommodation and against evicting families with children. We want to improve the situation for homeless EU-immigrants. No-one should be denied their basic rights, everyone should have the right to care and homelessness should be fought against no matter the cause and regardless of the origin of the homeless person. Sweden should push for all EU citizens to have the right to emergency care on the equal terms.

5. work for everyone's right to be included. This is a way to increase public health. We want to improve the rules concerning sick leave to make it easier for whoever needs it to work part-time. Care should consider the whole human being and his or her current life situation.

6. Urban and rural areas

Everyone should have the right to be content and develop where they live. Sweden becomes colder when the gaps between people increase and your opportunities in life are determined by where you are born and raised. Both on the countryside and in the Million Programme areas, people see public services disappearing and deteriorating education or work opportunities. You should not have to leave the countryside or suburban areas to get an education, housing or work.

More and more people are seeking an urban life. Densely populated cities with good public transportation, public service, parks, bike lanes and pedestrian streets are needed for more people to live sustainably. In growing cities, public transportation is cramped and it is difficult to find

housing. An active policy for environmentally friendly cities is needed, where good architecture and environmental technology makes it easy to do the right thing. In the countryside, we want to invest in more accessible public transportation. Everyone should be able to travel in an environmentally friendly way.

Many new jobs can be created in rural areas with a policy that promotes increased self-sufficiency in food and the production of bio fuels which can replace imported oil. Government jobs should become more spread across the country. Better communications, IT infrastructure, service and networks within civil society also provide more job opportunities for people living in rural areas.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

- 1. renovate and make the suburbs and housing areas** of the Million Programme greener. At the same time, we want to give the residents the opportunity to plan their local community, build premises for club activities and safe areas. This investment in the suburbs is a collective one and cannot be paid for by large rent increases. That's why we, among other things, work to expand the tax deduction for maintenance, repair and renovation (the "ROT-avdrag").
- 2. massively increase the construction rate of rental apartments.** The financial terms must become more equal between rental apartments and other housing forms, for example through lowered real estate tax. We want to give smaller construction companies increased chances to compete, and make a special investment for 30 000 additional new, environmentally friendly rental apartments in cities.
- 3. expand fast broadband connections** and invest in the regional colleges and distance education to ensure education and entrepreneurship opportunities all over Sweden. We want to ensure equal and available public services across the country.
- 4. develop a food strategy for Sweden.** Climate change demands that good farmland is used for food production. We want to increase Sweden's self-sufficiency in food and give Swedish farmers good conditions to convert to a pesticide free, organic production. Tap water security should be a part of the food strategy. Urban farming should be encouraged.

5. **safeguard eco tourism**, agriculture and reindeer husbandry when planning for mines. The mining industry must live up to higher environmental standards. We want to modernize the legislation on minerals and the mission of the Mining Inspectorate of Sweden to secure environmentally protected areas from prospecting and explorative drilling. We want to ban the exploration and mining of uranium, oil and gas. Human beings' right to clean water must take precedence over new mine establishments. The fee on excavated metals must be heavily increased and recycling must be made simpler. We want to strengthen the position of the Sami as an indigenous people, for example by ratifying ILO convention 169.

7. Migration and equal rights

In the shadow of the financial crisis, xenophobic parties and racist movements have been able to grow in Europe by blaming deteriorations and cuts on "the others". A cold social climate feeds hatred and prejudice. Migrants and minorities like the Roma, Muslims, Jews, LGBT-people and people with disabilities are especially affected by this. Now is the time to stand up for human rights and a humane migration policy. We envision a world without borders, where everyone has the opportunity to move, but no one is forced to flee. We will always work for a more humane and open policy and we will never make it harder for people to come to Sweden.

We have a positive view on labour migration. We want to increase the rights of labour migrants and make sure that people aren't exploited by unserious employers. We also attach the utmost importance to a well-functioning integration policy, as this is an area where Swedish society has a lot to improve. All forces of good are, and will be, needed to face the challenges of the future to create a sustainable society.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

1. **strengthen the right of asylum.** Family ties and health must carry greater weight as reasons for staying than today. Also, LGBT-people should be given strengthened right of asylum. The so called two years-rule in the Aliens Act, which leads to women without permanent residence permit running the risk of getting trapped in violent and destructive

relationships, should be abolished. If an individual's deportation has not been carried out within two years, this person should receive permanent residence permit. Families should be able to reunite more easily. Sweden should work within the EU to create legal ways into the EU to seek asylum as well as to increase the reception of quota refugees. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child should be incorporated into Swedish law. The Swedish Green Party wants it to be easier for children born in Sweden to obtain citizenship. Everyone born in Sweden and permanently residing here should automatically obtain Swedish citizenship.

2. **reform the work with the settlement** of those who have recently arrived. From an early point, such adults and children should be included in society, in the labour market and in schools. All Swedish municipalities should receive refugees. We want to improve the housing situation for all asylum seekers and protect the right to their own housing. Voluntary organizations should to a larger extent be able to participate in the work to meet those who have recently arrived. In order to quickly be able to apply for a job in Sweden, it should be easier for those newly arrived to have their education validated.
3. **counteract discrimination.** We want to invest in anti-discrimination agencies so that more people can get help when having been discriminated against. People within the justice system should receive training and we want to make hate crimes a priority for the police force. Transgender people should be included in the legislation on hate crimes and incitement to hatred. We demand, just like the care workers' unions, that unregistered immigrants and asylum seekers should have the right to the same care as everyone else in the country.
4. **strengthen the LGBT-policy.** Children should have the same right to safety, opportunities and respect regardless of what their family looks like. The law should be adapted for children growing up with one, two or more adults with joint responsibility for the child. In families with more than two parents, all should be able to be guardians.
5. **legislate on inaccessibility as discrimination.** The Act concerning Support and Service (LSS) must be clarified and guarantee everyone's opportunities to fully participate in society.

8. Global justice

More people than ever live in democracies, child mortality is declining and literacy is on the rise. At the same time, the world's resources are still unfairly distributed, children die in easily preventable diseases and the fight for natural resources in the wake of climate change is causing wars and conflicts. The world has already found more fossil energy than we can use if we are to avert a runaway climate catastrophe.

Sweden should be a voice for justice, peace and sustainable development. We should work for the UN targets of general disarmament, control over and disarmament of all nuclear weapons, and that war criminals are brought before justice. All foreign policy should begin with the assumption that sexual rights are human rights. Sweden should lead the way for equality and against violations of LGBT-people. In the EU and other international organizations, we should work for abortion rights as well as sexual and reproductive rights.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

1. **promote human rights** and environmental considerations in international trade. Sweden's public consumption should be ethical and eco-labelled. Sweden should become a so called Fairtrade nation.
2. **restore the goal of one percent of GNI** allocated to development assistance. Illegitimate debts should be written off and tax havens counteracted.
3. **increase Sweden's ambitions** in climate talks and provide poorer countries with climate funding outside the budget for development assistance.
4. **phase out Sweden's weapons export to dictatorships** and countries engaged in armed conflict. Sweden should not join NATO. Sweden should prioritize conflict prevention, where building a civilian peace corps within the EU is an important part. Women's participation in peace processes should be ensured in accordance with UN resolution 1325.
5. **protect the Arctic** and other sensitive environmental areas against the exploitation of hydrocarbons. Sweden should work for an international ban on subsidies to fossil fuels.

9. Economy and the labour market

Today's economy is far too short-sighted and focused on material values. The economic gaps have grown and segregation has increased during the Alliance's time in power. The goal of the social economy should be to economize with resources in a way that benefits everybody's quality of life, the environment and equality. Sustainable production and trade should be promoted and speculation opposed. We should not pass the debts over to our children. Therefore, we need well-ordered public finances with clear financial frameworks. We want to create conditions for a balance between work and leisure where people can have an influence on their working hours. Whoever becomes ill or loses employment should not be condemned to poverty. It is important to protect collective agreements and the Swedish model in the labour market. We will initiate dialogues with unions and employers on better working conditions and reduced working hours. Social entrepreneurship and labour co-operatives should be promoted and supported as they constitute successful models for integrating people who are far away from the labour market.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

1. **bridge the economic and social gaps in Sweden.** Child poverty should be counteracted by measures including fair safety systems, preschools and schools without hidden fees, and increased maintenance and tax deductions for single parents.
2. **create a safer labour market.** We want to introduce a combined health and unemployment insurance that encompasses everyone and we want to increase the upper and lower limits of the unemployment fund. We also want to counteract the abuse of temporary employment and employment by the hour, abolish unwanted split shifts, and increase the employees' influence over scheduling.
3. **reduce the regular working hours** through legislation and agreements, in order to make it possible for more people to have a 35 hour workweek. The climate requires economic development not to result in increased resource consumption, but in increased time for community building and civic participation. Therefore, we want for

everyone who so chooses to be able to receive increase of wages as shorter work days instead of as money. It should be economically possible for employees in elderly care and other industries, where many people are worn out before retirement, to have a shorter workweek. Working hour reductions, like those already agreed on in many sectors dominated by men, should be a reality also in jobs dominated by women.

- 4. regulate so that any profits** in publicly funded welfare are reinvested into the welfare business. This promotes actors mainly driven by ideas.
- 5. promote long-term investments** at the expense of short-sighted speculation. We want to counteract the households' increasing indebtedness. New measures for social progress, besides GDP, should be developed that take environmental effects and social factors into consideration. Ethical rules should apply for the placement of public capital, for example the retirement funds (AP Funds). We want to develop a sustainable economic system not built on growth and we want to work for a green investment bank.

10. Culture and associations

Everyone should have the right and opportunity to enjoy cultural activities. Culture should question, titillate, examine and deepen, entertain, delight and enrich. Culture makes individuals and societies grow. Culture promotes democracy and is also environmentally friendly. It offers a meaningful pastime, creative careers and better schools. Free theatre groups, municipal music and cultural schools and public libraries all guarantee that everyone can enjoy culture, both as practitioners and as audience.

This breadth provides opportunities for Swedish film, music and other arts to reach international success. Professional artists should be able to live off their creations, whether they are artists, musicians, dancers, actors or writers. We want to improve the conditions for creativity and make people's lives on the Internet easier through rules of fair use in copyright law. This is necessary to allow for satire and criticism, but also for sampling and remix culture.

The sports movement is Sweden's major popular movement. By allocating resources to youth and

general sports, including sports for people with disabilities, company sports and sport for exercise, we invest in both quality of life and public health. There should be plenty of opportunities for spontaneous exercise. Today, men's sports practice gets a larger share of public resources than those of women. We want to break that pattern.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

- 1. ensure every child's access to municipal music** and cultural schools. We want to develop a new library policy to ensure access to libraries for all citizens, and to stop the closing down of small libraries.
- 2. commission public cultural institutions** to operate all over the country, for example through theatre and opera displays in cinemas. The cultural infrastructure should stimulate an increase of meeting points and meeting rooms for creative and nationwide club activities and cultural life. We want to promote the representation in cultural life with regard to for example disability and the existence of culture and literature in various minority languages. Government funding distributed by the regions to cultural activities should increase.
- 3. improve the conditions for cultural creators** through stronger public security systems, annual increases in copyright compensation and increased support for various cultural activities. Library compensation should increase to 2 SEK.
- 4. guarantee the independence of public service.** Major sports events should be broadcast in channels available to all without any special fees.
- 5. provide equal and long-term conditions for associations.** Girls' and women's sports and other fields of interests should have the same conditions as those of boys' and men's. We want to break civil society's dependence on project allowances and therefore allocate a larger share of the resources through support for associations, and other long-term financing.

11. Democracy and law

Everyone should have the right to feel safe and secure in Sweden. Every time someone is abused by a partner, harassed in school, or discriminated against at the entrance of a bar, something breaks – not just in that person's faith in the justice system, but also in Sweden as a society.

The breeding ground for criminality lies in social problems such as poverty, addiction, unemployment and increasing economic gaps. If we face these problems, both safety and faith in the future will increase.

The work of the justice system should focus on the rule of law and efficiency, not just on measurable performance. Crime victims should have access to protection and rehabilitation. The goal of correctional treatment should be that those convicted should not fall back into criminality. There should be a focus on crime prevention measures and the discussions on punishment should be founded on research and evidence-based.

We oppose more laws violating integrity and systems introduced at the expense of human rights and freedoms. We want to safeguard the open society and strengthen the protection for whoever exposes corruption, crime or other wrongs.

IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WE WANT TO:

1. **strengthen the protection** for crime victims through guaranteed funding to crime victim hotlines and women's shelters. All convicted people should be given an individual care and treatment plan focusing on measures proven to reduce the risk of relapse into crime.
2. **introduce a law protecting** so called whistle blowers within the entire labour market, extend the freedom to provide information to apply for all publicly funded activities, and abolish the law the Alliance introduced in 2014 that puts EU negotiations before the principle of public access to official records.
3. **modernize the police force** with better mentorships, training and IT assistance. We want to turn the police education into a proper university education and reform the police force management so that resources are spent on a more efficient law enforcement rather than on improving statistics.
4. **stand up for personal integrity.** We want to establish an integrity agency, appoint a crisis commission on integrity protection and tear up certain IT-based legislation ("FRA-lagen" and the Data Retention Directive). In the EU, we want to work for a tear up of the parts of Ipred that provide the copyright industry with police-like authorities.
5. **have decisions made as close to people as possible.** Therefore, we want to move more power from the state to the regional level. We want to form directly elected regions with development responsibility, all over Sweden.

For over thirty years, the Swedish Green Party has fought for an environmentally friendly and sustainable Sweden. We are a part of a global Green movement that strives towards a world where everybody can live a good life, without compromising the living conditions for future generations.

Our political goal is a society that lives within nature's limits of the environment, realizing our deep interdependence on each other. We want to be a voice for those who cannot make themselves heard. This unlimited solidarity can be expressed in three principles:

- **solidarity with animals, nature, and the ecological system**
- **solidarity with future generations**
- **solidarity with all the people of the world**

We believe in diversity and that is one of the strengths of the Green movement. There are many ways to be Green. We are united by the common task of shaping our society for a new age. **We welcome everyone who wants to take part in this work.**

This election manifesto contains proposals for what we want to accomplish or initiate in a new government during the next term of office. This manifesto is our agreement with all of you voting for the Swedish Green Party in 2014. These proposals have been developed through conversations with hundreds of thousands of people, and summarize what we think is especially important in the coming four years.

These are our ambitions and the policy for which we seek your confidence. We know that in a government, we have to co-operate and find solutions together with others. The economic space is limited. We do not want to hand over an ecological or economic debt to future generations. **Reforms must always build on co-operation and on responsibility for both the economy and the environment.**

Our visions are greater and go beyond 2018. More about our policy and visions can be read in our party programme, in our manifesto for the European elections and on **mp.se**.

You can engage yourself in the election campaign on **volontar.mp.se** and become a member of the Swedish Green Party at **mp.se/bli-medlem**.

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